Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Helma Minnie Bietz was born December 7, 1909, to Fred and Pauline Bietz in rural Hutchinson County northeast of Kaylor, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Helma married Walter Konrad on December 20, 1927, and to that union five children were born: Willard, Norman, Marlene, Dwayne, and Harlan, and their lives were further blessed by 13 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Helma and Walter lived and farmed together a few miles northeast of Kaylor; managed their way through the Depression years by growing a large garden, fruit trees, and raising their own livestock; and canning, baking bread, and making homemade sausage were important tasks done to sustain their family; and,

Whereas, Helma always enjoyed cooking for friends and family on Sundays, and one unforgettable birthday dinner occurred the day Pearl Harbor was attacked; and,

Whereas, Helma is a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church; and,

Whereas, Helma currently resides at the Tripp Good Samaritan Center and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on November 28, 2009, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2009, as

HELMA KONRAD DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State